THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Income Tax related enquiries against Mr. Win Chadha concerning BOFORS deal

238. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 2430 and 1604 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1988 and 9th March, 1989 respectively and state :

(a) what are the findings of the inquiries made under the provisions of the Income-Tax Act and other Acts against Mr. Win Chadha concerning Bofors deal; and

(b) what follow up action has been taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) The Assessing Officer is continuing investigations under the provisions of the Income-tax Act.

Aspects of Black Money in India

239. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 35 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy in its report titled 'Aspects of Black Economy in India' had recommended for discouraging tax-evasion, for a 'floor level' State funding of election expenses of candidates for Lok Sabha and state assemblies and that these recommendations were highlighted and conveyed to the Chief Election Commissioner, to the Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs and to the Secretary (Legislative) in the Ministry of Law for examination; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a part of the electoral reforms the Election Commission had also suggested State funding of election expenses for combating the evil of money power in elections. The proposal was considered and it was decided not to accept it.

Malpractices in sanctioning of loans by State Bank of Indore, Head Office

240. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of malpractices in the sanction of loans and manipulation in the amount of loans have been reported against the State Bank of Indore head Office during the last three years and till date;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints made and the action taken by Government against the Bank authorities in the specific cases of malpractices including mis-appropriation of funds ; and

(c) whether any relief has been provided to the innocent victims of these malpractices?